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September 13, 2005

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT
TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND
THE LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY FOR
SERVICES TO HOMELESS CalWORKs FAMILIES (CONTRACT #75159)
(ALL DISTRICTS - 3 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Delegate authority to the Director of the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) to execute an amendment substantially similar to Attachment A to extend the existing contract (Contract #75159) with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, for three months, from October 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005, to continue providing outreach and emergency shelter to homeless CalWORKs families at an estimated cost of \$750,000.

There is no additional net County Cost (NCC) after the required CalWORKs Maintenance of Effort (MOE) is met. The approval of the Chief Administrative Office (CAO) and County Counsel as to form will be obtained prior to executing such amendment.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The current contract with LAHSA for outreach and emergency shelter for homeless CalWORKs families expires September 30, 2005. On May 31, 2005, your Board delegated authority to the DPSS Director to amend Contract Number 75159 with LAHSA to increase the contract amount by no more than \$750,000 for July 1, 2005 through September 30, 2005, to be allocated by Supervisorial District based on CalWORKs caseload density.

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This approach was taken because, at that time, it was uncertain whether there would be sufficient CalWORKs Single Allocation funding available in FY 05-06 to continue all or some of the services. Your Board was informed that once the FY 05-06 State Budget was adopted and our CalWORKs Single Allocation was known, it would be possible to assess the availability of funding for the rest of FY 05-06. In the interim, in order to sustain existing services, your Board authorized funding the services through September 30, 2005.

Although the State Budget has been signed, the State has not yet allocated the CalWORKs Single Allocation funding among counties. Therefore, pending that allocation, we intend to sustain LAHSA's funding through the second quarter of FY 05-06, using \$750,000 of this year's allocation to continue funding LAHSA's outreach and emergency shelter services through December 31, 2005.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended action is consistent with the principles of the Countywide Strategic Plan Goal #5: Children and Families' Well-Being: to improve the well-being of children and families in Los Angeles County as measured by the achievements in the five outcome areas adopted by the Board: good health; economic well being; safety and survival; social and emotional well-being; and education/workforce readiness.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The maximum amount of the contract amendment is \$750,000. The cost of the amendment will be fully funded with CalWORKs Single Allocation. Funding for this contract is included in the FY 05-06 Adopted budget. There is no additional NCC after the required CalWORKs MOE is met.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

LAHSA subcontracts with community agencies Countywide to provide emergency/transitional shelter to homeless families. The families must be aided on CalWORKs, and the adults on the case must be aided/time-limited, and employed or participating in welfare-to-work activities (to qualify for Single Allocation funding). LAHSA has also teamed with staff from the Department of Children and Family Services and Mental Health to seek out homeless families in Skid Row and connect them with available benefits.

This contract will not result in the unauthorized disclosure of confidential information and will be in full compliance with federal, State and County regulations. The contract includes a provision that allows automatic termination in the event sufficient funds are not available.

LAHSA's performance will be monitored to ensure that its quality of service continues to meet the contract requirements that were achieved in the previous contract. The contract includes provisions for performance standards/outcome measures.

The amendment has been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

There are no additional requirements for the amendment since it extends an existing Agreement.

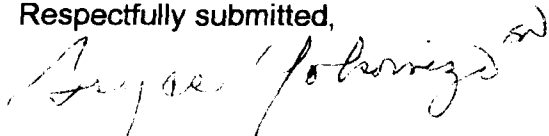
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This project and this contract will assist homeless CalWORKs families in locating emergent and permanent housing. The contract will not infringe on the rights of the County in relationship to its residents, and the County's ability to respond to emergencies will not be impaired. There is no change in risk exposure to the County.

CONCLUSION

The Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors, is requested to return one adopted stamped Board Letter to the Director of DPSS.

Respectfully submitted,



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Director

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Attachment

c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel